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POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING (CSCE AND CYPRUS)

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT MEETING, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH, IN THEIR EC PRESIDENCY CAPACITY, ON THE FOLLOWING.

2. CSCE. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE BRITISH WITH TEXTS OF US PAPERS CIRCULATED IN NATO ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE -- REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND THE PREPARATORY MEETING (STATE 9708 AND 10317). YOU MAY TELL BRITISH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THEY WISH TO PASS THEM ON TO THE IRISH. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT THE THREE BELGRADE PAPERS WE HAVE CIRCULATED IN NATO -- THE TWO MENTIONED ABOVE AND OUR EARLIER PAPER ON POSSIBLE NEW PROPOSALS (STATE 304584) -- ARE INTENDED SOLELY TO STIMULATE ALLIED THINKING AND DO NOT REPRESENT FIXED US VIEWS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WELCOME A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION BY THE NINE, AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE COMMENTS ON OUR PAPERS OR ON ANY OTHER ASPECT OF BELGRADE MEETINGS ON WHICH THE NINE HAVE REACHED CON-

CLUSIONS. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF HOLDING BILATERAL EXPERTS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NINE PRESIDENCY BEFORE CSCE EXPERTS DISCUSSIONS AT NATO. IF CONVENIENT FOR BRITISH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE US CSCE EXPERT VISIT LONDON FEBRUARY 4 OR 5 FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRIOR TO NATO EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 7.

3. CYPRUS. PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER BELIEVES THAT AN EARLY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE FIND IT ENCOURAGING THAT THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED SEEM TO LOOK TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WITH EXPECTATION. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THE TURKISH ELECTIONS WILL VERY SHORTLY MAKE ANY TURKISH FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS PROBLEMATIC, WE THINK THERE IS AT CONFIDENTIAL

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LEAST SOME SLIM POSSIBILITY THAT WITHIN THE NEXT 60 TO 90 DAYS TURKEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ON CYPRUS. IN ANY EVENT, WE THINK THAT THE CURRENT VIEWS OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED SHOULD BE SOLICITED BEFORE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION COMES TO ANY FIRM POLICY CONCLUSIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WILL BE DONE SHORTLY, PERHAPS THROUGH THE VISIT OF AN ENVOY TO THE AREA.

WE CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THE GREAT EC NINE INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS AND WILL WANT TO ENGAGE IN AN ONGOING PROCESS OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE EC MEMBER STATES. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL DISCUSS CYPRUS IN EUROPE NEXT WEEK. AS THE THINKING OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION EVOLVES, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. BUT AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN MIND. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR US OR OTHERS TO COME UP WITH SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL OR OTHER SCHEMES AT LEAST UNTIL THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN HEARD.

WE NOTICE (REFTEL) THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS MAY ALSO DIS-  
CUSS THE ISSUES OF CYPRUS AND TURKEY IN THE COUNCIL OF  
EUROPE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A REPORT ON TURKISH VIOLATIONS  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS MAY BE BEFORE THE COUNCIL IN  
FEBRUARY OR SOME TIME LATER. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN REPORT  
AND ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS WE WOULD HOPE THAT  
CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT WOULD NOT COINCIDE WITH PERIOD  
DURING WHICH SOME HOPE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS SEEMS  
POSSIBLE.  
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